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Violence Foreseen

Recruiter Barred By Binghamton U

State University at Binghamton (formerly Harpur College) followed the lead of the University of Buffalo Saturday and denied an armed forces recruiter access to the campus for the purpose of enlisting students.

Richard A. Siggelkow, UB's vice president for student affairs, late last month ruled that neither the Central Intelligence Agency nor Dow Chemical Co., which makes napalm used in Vietnam, should be allowed to recruit on campus because of the "potential danger" of violence. The UB Faculty Senate will discuss this ban Monday. Binghamton President Bruce Dearing ordered Navy recruiters kept off campus.

Asks Clarification

At the same time, Dearing asked Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, to clarify his recent orders to draft boards to immediately draft students or other registrants who violate the Selective Service law or interfere with recruiting.

Dearing assured Gen. Hershey that student "violence cannot be condoned."

But he also told the general that the nation's civil law contains "appropriate provisions for such violations" without using the Selective Service law to penalize protesters.

In Albany, an assistant to President Samuel B. Gould of the State University said the Board of Trustees has adopted no over-all policy in connection with campus recruiting by the armed services or related agencies.

Statement Issued

John J. Mather made the statement in response to a question about President Dearing's decision. He said University trustees so far have made no decision concerning on-campus recruitment.

Albany State College has taken a different position from UB and Binghamton. A few students earlier this month protested the presence of a CIA recruiter, but an administration spokesman said the unwritten policy at Albany has been to allow any established organization access to students on campus.

Dr. Siggelkow and UB President Martin Meyerson said they kept the CIA and Dow off the campus temporarily because "violence would result" from campus recruiting.

Leaders Warned

The UB branch of Students for a Democratic Society warned the administration that members would demonstrate if the CIA and Dow received permission to recruit on campus.

This led to formation of a Committee for Concerned Students which challenged the administration's decision to ban CIA and Dow. The committee got hundreds of names on a petition opposing the ban and a spokesman accused the administration of an "infringement on the rights of the majority of students who might wish interviews" with Dow and CIA representatives.

Review Scheduled

Meyerson, in scheduling Monday's discussion by the Faculty Senate, said the meeting would "review our traditional 'open campus' approach and those measures to protect this approach and prevent the disruption of our academic life and freedom."

He promised that if the Faculty Senate sustains "our traditional practice of an 'open campus' — a practice consistent with the ideals of academic freedom and civil liberties —" then UB will again permit CIA and Dow "to use campus placement facilities."

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